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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION: QUITO OAS FOMIN MEETING

1. COVERAGE IN GUAYAQUIL NEWSPAPERS 11/9 FOCUSED ON STRAIGHT NEWS OF OPENING SESSION MORE THAN EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

2. EL UNIVERSO LIMITS ITS EDITORIAL COMMENT TO A CARTOON OF TROJAN HORSE WITH CASTRO LOOKING OUT OF A DOOR IN HORSE'S SIDE AS A WHEELED PLATFORM CARRYING THE ANIMAL IS BEING DRAGGED TOWARD A DOOR OF A WALL LABELED "OAS".

2. EL UNIVERSO COLUMNIST MILTON ALAVA ORMAZA, AFTER REVIEWING SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF CUBA UNDER CASTRO, INQUIRES IF GAINS COULD HAVE BEEN OBTAINED OTHERWISE WITH LESS PAIN.

3. EXPRESO, LOW-CIRCULATION TABLOID, DEVOTES FRONT PAGE TO PHOTOS OF DELEGATIONS OVERPRINTED WITH HEADLINE IN RED: "PRESIDENT INITIATES CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS 'FRIENDLY CONFORMITY WITHIN IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM'" CAPTION, IN ADDITION TO IDENTIFYING DELEGATES AT SPEAKER'S BENCH, ALSO NOTES THAT MEETING TO TAKE UP CUBAN ISSUE.

4. EDITORIALY, EXPRESO INDIRECTLY REFERS TO OAS MEETING  
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IN RELATION TO RECENT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF REDUCTIONS

IN GOE DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES BECAUSE OF CUTBACK IN OIL EXPORTS IN LINE WITH THE "STATUS OF OIL IN WORLDWIDE MARKET". EXPRESO DESCRIBES GOE EXPLANATION FOR CUTBACKS AS "EUPHEMISM" USED BECAUSE OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE IN QUITO "AT WHICH THE COUNTRY WHICH HOLDS THE KEY OF THE OIL CONSUMERS AND, FURTHERMORE, INSPIRES THE WORLD WIDE POLICY DIRECTED AT OPPOSING THE POSITION ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF OIL EXPORTING NATIONS, THAT IS TO SAY, THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA" IS PRESENT.

5. EXPRESO ALSO CARRIES A CARTOON SHOWING AN OAS SPEAKER ASKING DELEGATES: "BEFORE WE BEGIN THE DISCUSSION, WE OUGHT TO ASK CUBA IF IT WANTS TO ENTER..."

6. EL TELEGRAFO CARRYING HEAVY MEETING COVERAGE, BUT EDITORIALY LIMITS COMMENT TO CARTOON WHICH SHOWS A WEIGHT LIFTER (THE OAS) STRAINING TO LIFT A HUGE BARBELL, ONE SIDE OF WHICH IS TWICE THE SIZE OF THE OTHER, LABELED (SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA).

7. TABLOID AFTERNOON EXTRA 11/8 EDITORIALY CALLS ATTENTION TO DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE OAS MEETING AS BEING CONDUCTED BY "THE EXTREMISTS OF THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT" AND NOTES THAT "THE PRESTIGE OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND ECUADOREAN INSTITUTIONS" ARE BEING TESTED.

8. AN EXTRA CARTOON SHOWS THE OAS COUNTRIES PICTURED AS A CHICKEN CROWING AT UNCLE SAM, SHOWN WITH A BAG OF CIA MONEY BEHIND HIM. CAPTION: "IS HE GOING TO CROW AS A BIG ROOSTER?"

9. TABLOID AFTERNOON LA RAZON 11/8 OFFERS AN EDITORIAL REVIEW OF MEETING, ADDING THAT MEETING IS PLEASED TO BE HOST.  
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